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"RUST" IS MAIN PERIL TO AUST. IN WORLD CUP BID

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

Only one serious match since March and the briefest possible preparation for Sunday's game are the main dangers for the Socceroos as they take on Hong Kong in Adelaide.

Olympic's Don Allan rises high in last week's game against Mooroolbark.

The second stage of the World Cup elimination series is now on in earnest and Australia cannot afford a slip-up, especially in a home match against an opponent already beaten, at its home, by both Iran and South Korea.

It is more the poor record and reputation of Hong Kong rather than the brilliance of the Socceroos that makes one hopeful of a good win.

The previous months have produced bad omens for Australia.

Three successive 1-3 defeats against a depleted Red Star Belgrade, one comfortable and one very squeaky win over Taiwan, a surprise loss to Fiji, a last-ditch win over New Zealand and then a lucky draw with them were the preludes.

These were followed by the 0-5 humiliation against Middlesbrough and the dubiously valuable 2-1 win over the visiting All-Stars.

What's more, Jimmy Shoulder still doesn't seem to have found his 'ideal' combination despite — or maybe because of — clinging to the same narrow squad.

It's difficult to understand why, for example, Sharne and Ristovski were put in the 22-man squad on the eve of Shoulder's departure to Hong Kong, then removed the day of his return, without him seeing either in action?

One can only pray and hope that the Hong Kong strikers, notoriously goal-shy, will not fully test our suspect defence in which only Bennett and Wilson have been consistently outstanding.

Williams has been in and out of the St. George team for weeks and is lightyears behind his best form.

The chances are that Shoulder will recall the ball-playing Muniz into the mid-field in order to create chances, opting for the blond Brazilian instead of the more defensive Gary Byrne.

Rooney will be an automatic choice while the third spot is a toss-up between Barnes and Harding with Barnes, a proven goalgetter, likely to get the nod.

Peter Stone's omission is hard to explain, in his brilliant form, while Gary Marocchi may have to wait a bit longer for his chance.

KOSMINA

Unless he is prepared to change his strongly held views, Shoulder is certain to select the Abonyi-Ollerton-Kosmina trio up front.

Ollerton has been unable to score a goal in 13 weeks and will have to improve 200 percent to justify Shoulder's almost religious faith in him.

Abonyi has been scoring freely — but in the weak State League and it's a big question whether he can pick up the much faster tempo of the Socceroos.

Kosmina is the most satisfactory choice and may have to carry the attack, as he did against Middlesbrough.

One would have been happy to see John Nyskohus and possibly the lightning fast Sharne get a chance — not to mention Ernie Campbell.

But Nyskohus seems sentenced to the role of the eternal late substitute while the others are not in the squad at all.

Hong Kong is unlikely to field a team vastly different from the one we saw last year.

They are clever, deft and polished ball-players, somewhat shy of physical contact and lacking punch in front of goal.

Both logic and sentiment dictate that one forecast and confidently expect a fairly convincing Australian win in Adelaide.

In all aspects of the game except perhaps in sheer technical skill, the Aussies will prove superior.

Let's hope that they can translate that into goals.

So far Adelaide has proved to be our 'boom city' in soccer; let's hope they will get behind the Socceroos with the same enthusiasm they have displayed in the Philips League so far.

● Next week: Detailed report on the Australia v. Hong Kong World Cup match by our Adelaide writers Allan Crisp and Vic Migliaccio.

The likely Australian team is:

- **Alan Maher**
- **George Harris**
- **Col Bennett**
- **Peter Wilson**
- **Harry Williams**
- **Agenor Muniz**
- **Murray Barnes**
- **Jimmy Rooney**
- **Attila Abonyi**
- **Peter Ollerton**
- **John Kosmina**

Squad members: Jack Reilly, David Jones, Gary Byrne, Dave Harding, Gary Marocchi, John Nyskohus.

WORLD CUP TABLE

Iran last Sunday gained a most valuable 0-0 draw against South Korea in Seoul.

This is the up-to-date position:

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

IRAN	2	1	1	—	2	—	3
SOUTH KOREA	2	1	1	—	1	—	3
AUSTRALIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
KUWAIT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HONG KONG	2	—	—	2	—	3	—

Glamour tourney

The most glamorous and richest soccer tournament ever held in Australia, promoted by London-based "World of Soccer" enterprises, will kick off in Sydney on Wednesday, July 20.

Arsenal of London, Celtic of Glasgow, Red Star of Belgrade and the Australian national team will make up an exciting foursome playing for big prize money.

This is the revised draw for the tournament:

In Sydney:
Arsenal v. Australia, Wed., July 20, Sportsground.
Arsenal v. Celtic, Sunday, July 24, Cricket Ground.
Celtic v. Australia, Tuesday, July 26, Sportsground.

In Melbourne:
Celtic v. Red Star, Thursday, July 21, Olympic Park.
Red Star v. Australia, Thursday, July 28, Olympic Park.

In Adelaide:
Arsenal v. Red Star, Tuesday, July 26, Hindmarsh.

At the end of the tournament the two top placed teams will meet in a final, staged in Melbourne on Sunday, July 31.

It has been proved in the past that Australian fans — unlike many others around the world — simply love watching two top overseas teams in action.

In 1957 FK Austria of Vienna and Ferencvaros of Budapest played twice, in Melbourne and Sydney and in 1973 the Brazilian Cruzeiro met and crushed in Sydney the Czechoslovak Slovan Bratislava — all three matches producing huge crowds.

The teams will come with their full complements: Arsenal with such stars as Macdonald, Brady, Stapleton, Hudson and Armstrong, Celtic with Dalglish, McGrain, Craig and Conn, Red Star with Muslin, Nikolic, Filipovic, Susic, Bogicevic, Savic and Jovanovic.

● In next week's Soccer World read all about the visiting European teams and aces.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	Aggregate							Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (3) Adelaide City	14	9	2	3	26	12	20	7	5	1	1	12	3	11	7	4	1	2	14	9	9
2 (1) Marconi	14	8	4	2	27	14	20	7	4	2	1	9	6	10	7	4	2	1	18	8	10
3 (2) Hakoah	14	7	5	2	33	20	19	7	4	1	2	17	11	9	7	3	4	—	16	9	10
4 (4) Western Subs.	14	6	5	3	23	14	17	7	2	3	2	13	8	7	7	4	2	1	10	6	10
5 (5) West Adelaide	14	4	7	3	26	20	15	7	1	4	2	14	14	6	7	3	3	1	12	6	9
6 (8) Fitzroy	14	5	5	4	24	25	15	7	4	1	2	17	16	9	7	1	4	2	7	9	6
7 (7) St. George	14	3	8	3	22	22	14	7	2	4	1	12	9	8	7	1	4	2	10	13	6
8 (6) South Melbourne	13	5	4	4	16	16	14	7	3	2	2	7	5	8	6	2	2	2	8	11	6
9 (9) Olympic	14	5	3	6	18	19	13	8	4	1	3	14	11	9	6	1	2	3	4	8	4
10(10) Brisbane City	14	4	4	6	16	20	12	8	3	3	2	9	6	9	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
11(11) Footscray	13	3	5	5	16	19	11	7	3	3	1	10	6	9	6	—	2	4	6	13	2
12(13) Mooroolbark	14	2	4	8	17	34	8	7	1	4	2	12	14	6	7	1	—	6	5	20	2
13(12) Canberra	13	2	3	8	12	23	7	6	1	1	4	6	11	3	7	1	2	4	6	12	4
14(14) Brisbane Lions	13	2	3	8	8	26	7	5	1	1	3	3	9	3	8	1	2	5	5	17	4

(In brackets: last week's placings)

Fitzroy v. Sth. Melb. 5-2 (3-0)

Fitzroy: Blasby 2 (49: Whiteside), V. Bannon 4, **McMillan 5**, Provan 3, P. Bannon 3, O'Reilly 3, Taylor 4, Campbell 4 (84: Tansey), **Bouzikas 5, Cole 5, Buljevic 5.**

South Melbourne: Reilly 2, Pye 4, Daperis 2 (46: **Hatzimanuel**), Xanthopoulos 3, Kalafatidis 4, **Rogers 5, Gibson** 3, French 3, **Ollerton 5,** Kent 3, Mitten 3.

Goals: 1-0 Buljevic (13), 2-0 Cole (17), 3-0 Rogers (28, own goal), 3-1 Rogers (49), 4-1 Cole (65), 5-1 Buljevic (66), 5-2 Rogers (70).

Referee: D. Yelland. — **Crowd:** 14,000.

BRANKO'S "BLITZ KRIEG"

This tension-full "Greek Derby" produced the first upset of the second round. Fitzroy, the alleged underdogs, easily swept their way to a smashing win against their arch-rivals. Using the strong wind perfectly Fitzroy built their attacks quickly with low passes and actually won the match in the first period. Poulakakis' superb tactics of a week ago now turned against him as it was only Rogers battling it out alone in midfield unable to feed the wingers Kent and Mitten with the right balls. Branko Buljevic played a big part in the destruction of South Melbourne who recovered only partially in the second half but were never really in the hunt. Socceroo goalie Jack Reilly had a poor day — but so did most of his co-defenders whose markink was loose and disorganised. — **Con Nikolopoulos.**

Canberra v. Brisb. L. 1-2 (1-1)

Canberra City: Tilsed 4, Moulis 3, Henderson 4, Brown 4, J. Stoddart 2, Cant 2 (82: B. Stoddart), Davies 3 (85: Kawaleva), Gruicic 2, O'Connor 2, Starke 3, Bourke 2.

Brisbane Lions: Dando 4, Wilson 3, Niven 3 (46: Park), Bennett 4, Potter 3, Fagan 3, Neale 3, Spearitt 3, **Henderson 5,** Laslo 4, Morris 4.

Goals: 0-1 Morris (37, pen.), 1-1 Starke (47), 1-2 Morris (60).

Referee: P. Rampley. — **Crowd:** 1,800.

THOSE HENDERSONS...

A sparkling performance by Lions' ex-Scotland winger Willie Henderson was the only bright light in a dull afternoon's football, although referee Rampley appeared to do his best to lure the spectators' attention with a number of baffling decisions. Willie Henderson easily eluded his plodding pursuer, John Stoddart, only to seemingly dive when tackled inside the box by his namesake, Tony Henderson. One could have excused the local fans for laughing — until Rampley pointed to the spot. The 82nd minute saw Brisbane's Morris score what would have been his hat-trick but much to the relief and amazement of the crowd, the goal was disallowed. Canberra were more preoccupied with individual indulgence than cohesion. Given the space and time to build up slowly, Lions never really looked like losing. — **Chris Kunz.**

Adel. City v. Marconi 1-0 (1-0)

Adelaide City: Romanowicz 4, Melta 4, Yung 3, Perin 4 (81: Fraser), **Lister 5,** Northcote 4, Marrocchi 3, Muniz 4, Nyskohus 4, Deans (19: **Di Bartolo 5**), Leane 4.
Marconi: Maher 4, Jones 4, Prskalo 3, Degney 3, Hucker 2, Richards 4, Rooney 4, Vieri 4, Byrne 3, Campbell 4, Sharne 3.

Goal: 1-0 Nyskohus (14).

Referee: D. Campbell (S. A.). — **Crowd:** 13,132 (record Adelaide club crowd).

BRAVO TO BOTH TEAMS

Bravo, Adelaide City, bravo Marconi. This keenly contested clash bristled with thrust, and counter-thrust and fully justified its prematch classic tag. That City were able to wrest two points from the powerful Marconi was a triumph, but the effort was magnified because the black and white's were below full strength. Adelaide City were minus Zoran Matic (suspended) and they lost Dixie Deans through injury after 19 minutes. They also had to survive the final critical nine minutes of the match without John Perin who sustained an injury. Despite the brevity of his stay Deans figured in the win by nodding a high cross from Gary Marocchi down to John Nyskohus who tapped the ball to beat Alan Maher. The majestic Frank Lister compensated for the absence of his centre-back partner by turning in a near-faultless display.

— **Allan Crisp**

Olympic v. Mooroolb'k 1-2 (1-0)

Olympic: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Gibson 3, Bell 4, Palmer 3, Cross 4, Botham 3, Senkalski 3, Pirie 3 (70: Economou), D. Allan 3, Thamnidis 3 (65: Luckett).

Mooroolbark: Ivanoff 3, Irwin 4, Shuttleworth 3, G. Ontong 4, Vaughan 3, Bosczuk 4, **P. Ontong 5,** Thom 3, Rigby 3, Lowrey 3, Priestley 3.

Goals: 1-0 Pirie (11, pen.), 1-1 P. Ontong (81), 1-2 P. Ontong (84).
Referee: D. McDermott (ACT). — **Crowd:** 4,982. — **Caution:** McIntosh.

LATE BLOWS FATAL

After having the match seemingly wrapped up, Olympic lost concentration for only four minutes, but this was ample time for the clever Paul Ontong to steal two perfect goals and give his side a morale boosting win. Throughout 90 minutes it was Paul Ontong who posed the biggest threat to Olympic, letting fly with two scorching shots early in the match, one of which hit the crossbar, and annoying the Sydney defence with dazzling cross field runs. Still, Olympic had managed to shackle him for 80 minutes, but two careless mistakes cost them the match. Although down one goal at an early stage, the Barkers never gave up, and never allowed Olympic to dominate. The Sydney team looked decidedly impotent, with Pirie no more than a passenger for 70 minutes still suffering from a leg injury.

— **Stephen Dettre**

West. Sub. v. W. Adel. 1-1 (0-1)

Western Suburbs: Eaton 3, Curran 3, Perry 4, Turnbull 3, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Fryer 3 (83: Dodds), **Stone 5,** Eaton 2, Noble 4, Ainslie 4.

West Adelaide: Crook 4, Amos 3, Reynolds 4, McCulloch 4, Vagianos 4, Souness 4, Kosmina 4, Jones 4, Boyle 4, De Lyster 3, McGregor 3.

Goals: 0-1 McCulloch (44), 1-1 Ainslie (64).

Referee: A. Boskovic. — **Crowd:** 1,347.

WESTS RALLY FAILED

There are 20,000 junior players from five associations within easy travelling distance from Wests' new home at Dural, and a call on all the junior clubs in the area will be necessary to build the crowds to acceptable levels. West Adelaide were more active and a little more skilled in the first half, but they had their backs to the wall afterwards. Apart from a great equaliser by Allan Ainslie to cancel out Gordon McCulloch's 44th minute goal for West Adelaide, Peter Stone and Peter Wilson both hit the posts with a winner for Wests in the offing. No player did better on the day than Peter Stone, and on that display it is utterly amazing that he is not right up there in the present national squad. Some of West Adelaide's best work came quietly from Peter Boyle and Graeme Souness. — **Keith Gilmour**

Brisb. City v. St. Geo. 1-1 (1-0)

Brisbane City: Borzi 4, Rathmell 4, Tokesi 4, Hermiston 4, Kibbey 3, Echeverria 4, Pimblett 4, Gaffney 3, Conner 3, Coyne 2 (77: Caldwell), Wallace 2.

St. George: Coe 4, Harris 3, Coton 3, J. O'Shea 3, **Williams 5,** Grosse 3, R. O'Shea 3, Jankovics 4, Hamilton 3 (58: Aitken), Gnavi 3 (46: George), **O'Connor 5.**

Goals: 1-0 Pimblett (32), 1-1 O'Connor (77).

Referee: D. Nugent. — **Crowd:** 6,500. — **Cautions:** Gnavi, Grosse.

CHARLIE AS STOPPER

Charlie George sat on the bench for the first 45 minutes, then inexplicably came on as a centre back while Paul Coton moved forward as a striker. George and Coton finally switched places after 69 minutes — in which Saints had only one scoring chance, when Hermiston cleared Jankovics' 27th minute shot off the line. George's impact was dramatic; within a minute he crashed a shot off the bottom of the bar; seven minutes later Borzi failed to hold his fierce angled drive just under the bar. The ball bobbed about then floated across to the unmarked O'Connor, who headed a simple goal. But St. George had already fallen victims to a first half sucker punch. Right back Rathmell was allowed to carry the ball 40 metres unchallenged before the entire St. George defence stood square and watched Pimblett race onto his pass and score. — **Alan Fouche**

Footscray v. Hakoah 2-2 (2-2)

Footscray: Boland 2, Parrott 3 (60: Nikolaidis), Rujevic 4, Kriaris 4, **Kondarios 5,** Milne 4, Palinkas 3, **Micic 5,** Piciaone 3, Ilioski 3, Ristovski 4.

Easts Hakoah: Pezzano 2, Kershaw 3, Thomson 3, O'Connor 2 (46: Lutton) Mowbray 3, Stevenson 4, **Barnes 5,** Robertson 3, Manecas 3, Smith 4, Silva 4.

Goals: 1-0 Ristovski (26), 1-1 Barnes (28), 2-1 Palinkas (34), 2-2 Barnes (38).

Referee: S. Melings. — **Crowd:** 1,500.

ONLY THE FIRST HALF

Footscray twice surrendered their lead to finally being held to a draw. Footscray's new Yugoslav import Ristic, utterly exhausted after his long flight, was kept out of the game but Hakoah used their new Portuguese striker, Manecas. The first half was exciting and action-packed, after which both teams lapsed into obscurity and it was the lack of imagination and sufficient fighting spirit on the part of most players that prevented Micic and Barnes from leading their respective teams to victory. Terry Smith was out of touch and it was left to the brilliant Murray Barnes to snatch the necessary goals for the draw which, ultimately, appeared to be a fair result. Once Ristic is match-fit, Footscray can expect a much improved overall performance, perhaps by this weekend.

— **Con Nikolopoulos.**

Olympic v. St.George 2-0 (1-0)

Olympic: Meier 4, McIntosh 4, Gibson 4, Bell 4, Palmer 3, Cross 4, Senkalski 4, Ikonomou 4 (58: Drosos), Botham 3, D. Allan 4, Thamnidis 3.

St. George: Coe 4, Harris 3, Coton 4, J. O'Shea 2, Williams 3 (65: Morgan), Grosse 2, Jankovics 2, Hamilton (36: O'Connor 3), R. O'Shea 2, C. George 2, Aitken 2.

Goals: 1-0 Cross (32), 2-0 Senkalski (61).
Referee: P. Rampley. — **Crowd:** 2,923.
(Postponed game.)

NEVER IN ANY DOUBT

Olympic, even without their injured four regulars, outclassed and outfought a wreck of a St. George, poor imitation of their former selves. From the very start the speedy and bustling Olympic rained punches on their opponents and were never for a second in danger of losing. However, one had the feeling that it wasn't Olympic who played really well but St. George who played miserably. There was no method and no fight in the team and even when they did attack, in the second half, it was the motor reflex rather than purpose that propelled them forward. Charlie George, in his Sydney farewell game, was an enormous disappointment and matched most of his team mates in displaying a total lack of concern for the result. With performances like this, the Saints are fast approachisg their infamous 1968-season disintegration.

— **Andrew Dettre**

Sydney

● **Olympic's vice president Mike Contos is off for two months in Greece. He will seek a top player to join the club this year, but failing that he will be happy to lay the ground for a bigtime signing for 1978.**

● **Western Suburbs did a lot of homework before deciding to settle for Englefield Stadium in the developing area of Dural. Wests looked at major grounds in Parramatta and Penrith, including the very central Cumberland Oval. Moving of the high rugby goalposts was one of the reasons given for not welcoming the club to one major ground. Wests, however, are now keen to establish at Dural, and Bill Englefield of Northern Districts Sporting Promotions, the owners of the ground, has promised to closely examine the improvement of floodlighting, provision of extra covered seating and a grandstand.**

● **Greg Allan is out of the Sydney Olympic line-up due to illness. He is unlucky enough to be suffering from an attack of shingles.**

● **Malcolm Haynes's Canossa may have ended: the former Sutherland goalie was last Friday signed by Hakoah after a temporary stay in Adelaide and Canberra.**

● **Richie Bell made a triumphant return to soccer, after a seven-month lay off through injury he had suffered in Hamburg. This was his first match for Olympic ever — which was called Pan Hellenic last year...**

● **Rudolfo Gnavi denied that he was "keen" to return to Olympic and claimed that he was merely asked by "two gentlemen" to leave the Saints. St. George first agreed to release him, then decided to report Olympic to the PSL for poaching a player.**

● **Some clubs change coaches — Easts Hakoah have changed sponsors, switching from insurance to the fashion industry. From riches to rags?**

● **This was the first week in PSL history — a mere 14 weeks old at that — that none of the five Sydney teams could win a match: four drew and one lost.**

● **Olympic fans last Sunday collected a farewell present to Bill Pirie before his return to Scotland — $1200 in cash.**

STOP PRESS

St. George manager-coach Manfred Schaefer was replaced last Tuesday night by Ilya Takac. Schaefer took over the management of the club at the end of 1975, and will continue in an administrative capacity until October. Schaefer is the fifth PSL coach to be dismissed this year.

Canberra

● **First Division Canberra League side, Young Boys, have quit the competition. They walked off after conceding a disputed penalty to ANU last Saturday. Young Boys had already been on a $500 "good behaviour" bond after an incident earlier in the season.**

● **Canberra City Supporters Club, through M.L.A. Harold Hird, presented club president, David Dillon, with a cheque for $500 last Saturday.**

● **City striker, Brian Stoddart, can be expected to face West Adelaide, after his token appearance against Lions last weekend.** — **C. KUNZ**

Club patrol

— By STEPHEN DETTRE (406-4551) —

P. Sobczak of Prestons (near Liverpool) has won a return trip to Europe for two by KLM Airlines. The prize was drawn last Saturday week at the Polonia Soccer Club ball at the Civic Centre, Blacktown.

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This week the Marconi U/16 team conducted a training session wtih 45 U/9 players, to encourage the older boys to develop an interest in coaching. Maybe amongst the 13-odd players, including five who were selected in the State U/16 squad, there is a new RALE RASIC waiting to emerge.

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Pendle Hill Tasman Cup side has made the last 16 when they beat Penrith 2-1 after extra time. This was the first time that Pendle Hill entered in the last 16 teams.

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Don't you believe a word of it — this is APIA's reaction to stories that big striker ROY McCORMACK may leave them. "In fact, we have not had any approaches from other clubs," says Frank Sbisa. "And McCormack is happy to stay with us."

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PSL and Rothmans League referee TIM DAVIES and his wife JILL will leave towards the end of this month for a four-week trip to England and the Continent.

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We know this has been said several times before but now it's really likely to happen: Sutherland's former international goalie RON CORRY will retire at the end of the season. Unless, of course, he changes his mind again.

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Eleven teams from the Granville Waratah club are likely to make the semifinals this year. Six of them are at present leading their respective competitions.

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Manly held it annual general meeting last week and elected for the first time four life members. The four are, PETER LANGELAR, one of the first members of the Manly Soccer Club, STAN POTTS and BERT JANSMA, both former presidents of the club, and CHARLES VALENTINE, a former treasurer now on the NSW Federation's Executive.

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Melita played a friendly game last week on the Thursday, against the NSW U/16 team, and only just beat the talented youngsters 3-2. The result brought on mixed feelings for RAUL BLANCO who coaches both teams. He was pleased the youngsters did so well, but also felt that Melita could have played better. Raul is hopeful that his young charges will continue to improve as he says that several of the boys could be outstanding future players.

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IAN STONE, Croatia's talented but moody midfielder, made a return to the first team last week after more than a month in the reserves following an injury he received during the team's tour to Griffith in the country.

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Manly have launched a new debenture drive, in the hope that they can raise enough money to start work on a clubhouse. The last time such a venture was organised almost $26,000 was raised with which the club purchased the present land at Manly.

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Bankstown are pleased that their youngster ERIC WILLIAMS, formerly of Wests, has made a recovery from his broken leg and played last week .Although the team lost 1-0 to Auburn, Eric played well enough to suggest that he will be able to hold his place in the team.

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Croatia may regain the services of PETER MULLEN soon, as he has been training well after a long lay off through a knee injury. Peter, older brother of Hakoah's KEVIN, last played competitively in the 1976 Rothmans Cup semifinal against Marconi where he went off injured.

Melita are hopeful that they will be able to play regularly from now on, because for the past seven weeks they have had at least four matches postponed due either to weather or international games. This lack of match practice has affected the team, but now RAUL BLANCO is confident that the team will once again begin to fire.

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Three players gave notice to national team coach JIM SHOULDER that they should be considered for the Socceroos at the Olympic-Mooroolbark match last week in Sydney. RICHIE BELL proved he has fully recovered from his knee operation, putting in some rugged tackles, as well as exhibiting his fine attacking ability, while teammate GARY MEIER also performed well. However, the man of the match was without doubt PAUL ONTONG who has consistently proved himself to be the Barker's best striker.

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Canberra's referee DENNIS McDERMOTT refereed his first match at Wentworth Park after an 18-year absence. He previously lived in Sydney before moving to Canberra where he is the top whistler.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

U.S. RECORD

An American club record was established in New Jersey where Cosmos and Tampa Bay Rowdies drew a crowd of 62,394 paying spectators.

Cosmos won 3-1 — all three scored by Pele; for Tampa Bay, Adrian Alston was one of the stars.

And to show soccer's new power in the USA: the same day the New York pro baseball team Mets drew a crowd of 22,000 just across the river...

The traffic jam to the stadium was so enormous that some spectators arrived to their seat only at halftime.

Since Beckenbauer's signing, Cosmos have been drawing up to 5,000 German-American fans who had never earlier watched a soccer match.

Meanwhile, the Cosmos club management has suffered a major change.

President Clive Toye, the former London journalist who built up the club from nowhere, has been demoted by Steve Ross, boss of Warner Communications, who own Cosmos.

Although a close friend of Toye, Ross was ordered to "break down to size" the chubby Englishman who was getting "too popular and too powerful."

And the order came from the Turkish brothers Nesuhi and Ahmet Ertegun, who own a majority of shares in Warner.

● **A Melbourne report about a Bundesliga dismissal of 8 clubs has been incorrect. The clubs must prove to the German Association (DFB) by the end of this week that they can reduce their debts. And another small point: the president of the DFB, Neuberger, is not identical with the president of Bayern Munchen, Neudecker.**

● Former Hungarian First Division and then Stuttgart player Pal Csernai is assistant coach of Eintracht Frankfurt.

● **St. Pauli, newly promoted to the Bundesliga, will receive a $80,000 sponsorship from the Japanese camera manufacturer, Minolta.**

● In an unofficial friendly international, Brazil beat Scotland 2-0 in Rio, following their earlier 3-1 win over the Scots in a full FIFA international.

● **Hans Krankl, the brilliant Rapid Vienna striker, scored seven of his team's goals in their 11-1 win over Grazer AK, thus equalling the record of Pepi Uridil in 1921. For the record: in Sydney First Division it it Les Schauman who once scored seven goals for St. George against Sydney Austral.**

● More than $8m. has changed hands in player transfers in Italy since the end of the last season. The record so far: Inter Milan has paid an incredible $1.8 million for Brescia's central striker Altobelli. In Italy, most transfer fees are paid in instalments and player exchanges, not cash.

● **Anderlecht won the Paris international tournament beating Hungary's Ferencvaros 4-1 in the final.**

● Brazilian star Paulo Cesar wanted to return to the Paris St. Germain club but his association has refused to give him a clearance until after next year's World Cup finals.

● **Diosgyor won the Hungarian Cup — for the first time in their history — beating champions Vasas 1-0 in the final.**

● Hungarian team manager Lajos Baroti is in Cali, Colombia, observing the South American play-off series involving Brazil, Peru and Bolivia.

● **England's next international will be a friendly against the low ranking Swiss at Wembley on September 7 before their World Cup match against Luxembourg on October 12.**

● During their recent visits to Rio, the English and German teams shared the same hotel for one day. A German magazine reported with some consternation that the English players were allowed to lounge around the bar and swimming pool all day, guzzle Scotch and roam around unsteadily. Then, to the surprise of the German observer, the English went on to hold Brazil to the same draw as the disciplined Germans.

● **Borussia Monchengladbach may lose their entire brilliant midfield: Stielike has gone to Real Madrid, Wimmer wants to retire and concentrate on his wholesale tobacco business and Danner wants to change clubs. Even substitute Christian Kulik may leave to join Ajax, Feyenoord, Bruges or Anderlecht.**

● Rise and fall department: former Italian team manager Edmondo Fabbri is the new boss of Forli, in the Italian "C" (Third) Division.

● **Red Star Belgrade have won the Yugoslav title — their 12th since 1945. The two teams relegated are Zeljeznicar and Napredak.**

● Juventus are still negotiating to sign the brilliant Genoa striker Pruzzo — seen in Australia with the Italian Army team.

● **Pierino Prati, AS Roma's Italian international and former Brazilian defender Rildo are likely to join Cosmos in the USA.**

● In order to boost attendances at matches in Poland, all women will be admitted free if they are accompanied by — two men. Husband and friend?

South America tottering

Both West Germany and England have completed their South American tours without defeat.

England played three draws, with Brazil (0-0), Argentina (1-1) and Uruguay (0-0) while the Germans won two, against Argentina (3-1) and Uruguay (2-0) and drawn two, against Brazil (1-1) and Mexico (2-2).

These and other results indicate that neither of the two South American giants can be regarded as hot favorite for next year's world championship.

Brazil beat Poland 3-1 and Scotland by the same score, but then played another disappointing 0-0 with the same Yugoslavia which, only recently, got licked by Rumania, in Zagreb.

France, certainly one of the improvers in Europe, also scored 0-0 draw with Argentina in Buenos Aires — while the Scots drew 1-1.

The West German results were as good as expected while England's much better than Don Revie's critics anticipated.

However, the very fact that neither Brazil nor Argentina could assert a clear superiority at home against top European opposition indicates that next year's World Cup will be a very open and close run thing and the top European sides, namely Germany and Holland, can start with a good measure of confidence.

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EASTS HAKOAH v. FITZROY

Two of the 'in' form teams of the League will play the main game in Sunday's double-header.

The promotion will also test, for the first time this year in Sydney, the joint drawing power of Hakoah and St. George.

Hakoah were not too convincing last week against Footscray and have to thank Murray Barnes for twice evening the score when all seemed lost.

However, they will be without Barnes, away with the Socceroos and this may bring Watson or Lutton into the side after a long spell.

Hakoah's overall skill and strength is considerable and Barnes' absence shouldn't worry them unduly.

They may use the newly signed Malcolm Haynes in goal for the first time instead of teenager Tony Pezzano.

Fitzroy, by far the most successful of the Melbourne clubs, is in rip-roaring form and none plays better for them than former Socceroo Branko Buljevic.

His clashes with Kevin Mullen will be among the highlights of the match which should swing Hakoah's way.

● **First round: Hakoah 3-1.**

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. OLYMPIC

For the second week running, South Melbourne will be involved in an all-Greek derby and must hope to do better than last week when they were outclassed by Fitzroy.

They will be without goalie Jack Reilly and striker Peter Ollerton, and though neither has been in sparkling form lately, their absence will cause some problems for their coach.

Billy Rogers, last week's prolific scorer for and against South Melbourne, will have to form a successful partnership with French and Kent to mount an effective storming of the Olympic barricades.

But somehow South Melbourne remain a rather unconvincing side and in their weakened state they should not be too optimistic about the future.

Luckily for them, they will face an Olympic which lost two of its last three matches, one against Mooroolbark.

With Bill Pirie gone from the attack, the Olympic strikers will again find it hard to get goals.

Young Senkalski will have to do a lot of grafting and prompting to get his team moving and a draw would probably satisfy both parties.

● **First round: South Melbourne 2-0.**

MOOROOLBARK v. WEST. SUBURBS

It's great to see the Barkers shed their early lethargy and score two wins in a row — the second, a stunning upset, against Olympic in Sydney.

One begins to wonder when Paul Ontong's brilliant qualities will be noticed by the public at large; this South African youngster has been among the most consistent PSL players for weeks.

Tront's departure will be felt but Mooroolbark are expecting some British recruits to make up for it.

Wests, still without a win after so many weeks, simply have to get both points not to lose contact with the competition leaders.

Graham Norris' injury may force him to miss this match and bring about some minor reshuffle.

Ian Moores' contribution to the team has been disappointing so far while Clive Eaton and Fryer are seldom match-winners on their own.

Mooroolbark will certainly put a brave fight and Wests will have to be at their best behaviour to return to Sydney victorious.

● **First round: Wests 5-0.**

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Brisb. Lions v. Footscray — Perry Pk. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

West Adelaide v. Canberra — Olympic Field

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Easts Hakoah v. Fitzroy — W'worth Pk., 3 p.m.
St. George v. Footscray — W'worth Pk., 1 p.m.
Mooroolbark v. West. Suburbs — Middle Park
Sth. Melbourne v. Olympic — Middle Park

NEXT WEEK

Fitzroy v. West Adelaide
Olympic v. Brisbane Lions
Brisbane City v. South Melbourne
Marconi v. East Hakoah
Adelaide City v. St. George
Footscray v. Mooroolbark
Western Suburbs v. Canberra

ALL PSL SQUADS

WEST ADELAIDE:	CANBERRA CITY:
Martyn Crook	Ron Tilsed
Sam Service	David Lindenmayer
Barry Reynolds	Danny Moulis
Lacki Vagianos	Tony Henderson
Richard Yeeles	Nick Boskov
David Jones	Ivan Gruicic
David Pillans	Mike Black
Steve Amos	Alan Bourke
Gordon McCulloch	Brian Stoddart
Graham Souness	John Stoddart
Neil McGachey	Keni Kawaleva
Ted De Lyster	Steve Hogg
Peter Boyle	John Brown
Ian McGregor	Roy Starke
John Kosmina	Jim Cant
Graham Honeyman	David O'Connor
Coach: Billy Birch.	Coach: John Warren.

EAST. SUB.	FITZROY:
Malcolm Haynes	Peter Blasby
Tony Pezzano	Bill Whiteside
Kevin Mullen	Jim Campbell
Eddie Thomson	Jim Tansey
Steve O'Connor	Pat Bannon
Alec Robertson	Nick Rakovalis
Henry Mowbray	Joe Tront
John Stevenson	Vic Bannon
Alan Kershaw	Jim O'Reilly
Bertie Lutton	Bobby Provan
Hilton Silva	Andrew Bouzikas
Joe Watson	Ken Taylor
Terry Smith	Gary Cole
Bob McGuiness	George Gillan
	Branko Buljevic
	Mike Glykokalamos
Coach: Gerry Chaldi.	Coach: John Margaritis.

STH. MELBOURNE:	OLYMPIC:
John Kennedy	Gary Meier
John Daperis	David McIntosh
Mike Pye	Paul Luckett
Kris Kalafatidis,	Bill Palmer
Billy Rogers	Bernie Cullerton
Ian Gibson	George Gibson
Arthur Xanthopoulos	Joe Senkalski
M. Hatzimanoel	Greg Allan
John Gardiner	Mike Cross
Graham French	Chris Thamnidis
Noel Mitten	Don Allan
Chris Kent	Ray Botham
Coach: Manny Poulakakos.	Coach: Kaz Kulak.

ST. GEORGE:	FOOTSCRAY:
Dave McQuire	Dennis Boland
Martin Coe	Miro Litvin
Doug Utjesenovic	Andrew Kazi
Paul Coton	Allan Parrott
Brendan Grosse	Jim Milne
Robert O'Shea	Jim Kondarios
John O'Shea	Jim Kriaris
Rudolfo Gnavi	Josip Piciaone
Willie Hamilton	Frank Micic
Nev Morgan	Mirko Rujevic
Mark Jankovics	Slobodan Zoraja
Phil O'Connor	Mendo Ristovski
Fred Aitken	Stratos Adamgikis
	Zoran Iloski
	Joe Palinkas
Coach: Manfred Schaefer.	Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

MOOROOLBARK:	WESTERN SUBS.:
Lou Ivanoff	Terry Eaton
Paul Wilding	Col Curran
Alan Pongho	Steve Perry
Mike Sinclair	Bob Noble
Peter Vaughan	Bob Fryer
Dave Rigby	Graham Norris
Walter Bosczuk	Clive Eaton
David Ellis	Alan Ainslie
Paul Ontong	Dave Harding
Geoff Ontong	Peter Stone
Max Irvin	Pat Lowry
Mike Clarey	Brian Dodd
Gordon McGregor	Ian Moores
Barry Fairbrother	
Paul O'Reilly	
Coach: Brian Edgeley.	Coach: Mike Laing.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DANDO (Lions)

McMILLAN (Fitzroy) — LISTER (Ad. City)

JONES (Marconi) — WILLIAMS (St. George)

STONE (Wests) — MICIC (Footscray) — ROGERS (South Melb.)

HENDERSON (Lions) — BARNES (Hakoah) — P. ONTONG (Mooroolbark)

Canberra

● **Victor Fernandez, Canberra's assistant coach, is spearheading TV promotions for his employer, a local car dealer. Vic at 38, still plays — and is Canberra reserves' leading scorer!**

● **The postponed Canberra City v. South Melbourne match will now be played under lights at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval on the night of Friday, July 15.**

● **Coach John Warren will spend most of the off season trying to organise support for the club from the public service departments, the industrial suburb of Fishwyck and in nearby Queanbeyan and Goulburn.**

● **Warren last week telephoned Adrian Alston, asking him to appear for Canberra City after the end of the US season. Alston enthusiastically agreed — and hasn't even inquired about his contract or match fees, just so long as he can get a supply of "Tiger" boots...**

— Chris Kunz

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Barnes (Hakoah)	9
Smith (Hakoah)	9
Kosmina (West Adelaide)	8
Nyskohus (Adel. City)	8
Norris (West. Subs.)	7
Tront (Fitzroy)	7
Buljevic (Fitzroy)	7
Campbell (Marconi)	6
Pirie (Olympic)	6
Botham (Olympic)	5
Morris (Lions)	5
Cole (Fitzroy)	5
O'Connor (St. George)	5

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BRISBANE LIONS v. FOOTSCRAY

Having tasted the joy of victory once again, Lions, back in their own den, will go after two more points on Friday evening in this postponed match.

It seems that Willie Henderson's arrival has helped to pep up their long ailing attack in which both Morris and Laslo are developing into PSL stardom.

There was a lot of merit in Lions' win in Canberra last weekend and it must restore the shaken confidence of players as well as coach Les Scheinflug.

Footscray, notoriously poor travellers, have yet to win a match away from their home ground.

Still, they are in reasonable form and, with an ounce of luck, could have downed Easts-Hakoah last week.

With Palinkas and Ristovski again back among the goals, Footscray's chances look fair for a draw.

ST. GEORGE v. FOOTSCRAY

Having won only three of their 14 matches so far, St. George are having a wretched season which is hard to explain.

To make things worse, they will be without their fullback pair of Harris and Williams, both playing against Hong Kong.

The Saints' reserve strength is extremely thin and the chances are that Hamilton, Morgan and Hensman or Mendez will have to be brought in to replace the departed Charlie George.

Up front only Phil O'Connor can be relied on to make things move as Morgan, last year's top scorer in Sydney, has lost his touch.

Footscray will play their second game on Sunday afternoon in less than two days and it will be interesting to see how they stand up to their Melbourne-Brisbane-Sydney travelcade.

If they use their skill against the somewhat disorganised Saints, they will have a fair chance of success.

And none will be keener to prove his class than Joe Palinkas, a former St. George player himself.

● **First round: 0-0.**

WEST ADELAIDE v. CANBERRA CITY

At press time it was not known whether Kosmina and Jones would be allowed to play in this Saturday game, 24 hours before the World Cup clash with Hong Kong; one would rather think not.

Kosmina's absence will be felt but it shouldn't be a shattering blow especially now than Souness, the Middlesboro guest, is propelling them forward with such gusto.

Having won only once at home, West Adelaide will try to make it two in a row and, on overall strength, have every reason to be confident.

Canberra City has suffered painful setbacks lately, losing to Lions and Mooroolbark, their tailend rivals.

Brian Stoddart's knee injury has been a blow to Canberra's performances and so has Haynes' deeply regretted departure.

But John Warren's team is made up of noted fighters and the big challenge could inspire them to a big performance.

They will need all their talent, skill and determination to stave off defeat against the powerful West Adelaide.

In fact, they may settle for a narrow defeat and pray for a draw.

● **First round: West Adelaide 3-1.**

TWO GAMES OFF

Because of the national team commitments of Adelaide City and Marconi players, two PSL games have been postponed to a later date.

These are Marconi v. Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions v. Adelaide City.

This means that over the weekend the only match in Brisbane will be Friday night's clash between Lions and Footscray, at Perry Park.

Melbourne

● **"Enjoying" spartan support and heavily criticised all season, few if any can deny that Mooroolbark have really tried to improve their lot. Nine new players have been added to their State League line-up of 1976. Wilding, Irwin and Ellis joined the club from England prior to the start of the PSL, Boczuk was secured from Adelaide Lions, McGregor an overseas recruit from Scotland was loaned out by St. George as was Lowry from England by Western Suburbs. Add their three recent English arrivals — Lowe, O'Reilly and Fairbrother — and you have a total of nine newcomers.**

● **With the recent acquisition of young John Nikolaides from Fitzroy, the Footscray side now have three Greek players. The other two are Jim Kriaris a long serving Fitzroy United player and ex-captain and Jim Kondarios, one of the best central defenders in Melbourne. Nikolaides, a promising striker, had been with Fitzroy since he was a teenager.**

● **Jim McMorran and Ken Taylor of Fitzroy have something in common. Although both are Scots from Ayrshire, both played senior pro soccer in England — McMorran with Aston Villa and Taylor with Ipswich.**

— JIM COOK

● **It could be two weeks before John Gardiner is ready to turn out again for South Melbourne, having been troubled by a poisoned foot.**

● **Irish winger Noel Mitten waited eight weeks for his clearance from New Zealand before turning out for South Melbourne. Two seasons ago he scored 25 goals in the season in the League of Eire.**

● **As far as injuries go, South Melbourne have been unlucky. They lost Billy Rogers for a spell, Peter Ollerton was sidelined and played with an injury and now star midfielder John Gardiner, a big buy from Lions, is out of action with a poisoned foot. On top of that of course Malcolm McDonald played a large part of a game with a painful knee injury.**

ADELAIDE NEWS

— By VIC MIGLIACCIO —

An 18,000 capacity record crowd is expected at Hindmarsh Stadium to watch the Australia v. Hong Kong World Cup match. One prob'em that could upset the works is that the other code is also having a top league match at the same time.

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Former Juventus and State coach George McMillan has been approached by two first and two second division clubs in the past month to take charge of their teams, but he has informed the clubs that he would not be available until he returns from the national championship in Sydney in September where his U/13 team are playing. . .

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With the introduction of the PSL the S.A. soccer popularity has suddenly rocketed. The previous record attendance of 5955 from way back in 1969 between two Adelaide clubs was smashed three weeks ago by a crowd of 12,328 which attended the West Adelaide v. Adelaide City clash. Our junior ranks are booming too. According to the S.A.S.F. records about 23,000 young lads play soccer in organised teams. This is an increase of 15 percent on the last season's registrations.

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An interesting spectator arrived at the Campbelltown-Budapest training last Thursday night in Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft. Considering that players' clearance closed on the same night, what was Edmund looking for?

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Allan Crisp's popular talkback program on Radio 5DN every Saturday morning between 11 a.m. and 12 noon is a must to tune in. Last Saturday morning there were three guest callers: Alex Hastings president of S.A. S.F., Andrew Dettre editor of Soccer World from Sydney and Mike Wells, State Director of coaching. Anyone wishing to participate should ring 267-1486 and talk soccer on air with Allan.

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The first division championship race is on. Beograd hit the lead after a decisive win over Lion, with 17 points, but holding their places only on goal difference. There is a tight battle going on between the top five teams with only three points the difference. For the bottom clubs Campbelltown-Budapest still hold the wooden spoon with five points but after their determined 0-0 draw against Croatia they have improved their chance to survive. Victoria's strikers, Harry Bell and Jimmy Mitchell are still joint leaders on the league goalscorer's list after 12 rounds with 9 goals each.

Adelaide

● **The West Adelaide v. Canberra City PSL clash originally scheduled to be played on Sunday (July 10) at Hindmarsh Stadium has been switched to Saturday (July 9) at the Olympic Sports Field Kensington. The change in venue was made to protect the Hindmarsh playing surface for Sunday's Australia v. Hong Kong fixture. The Lion v. Campbelltown - Budapest first division match which was programmed for Hindmarsh on Saturday has been rescheduled for Woodville West Reserve.**

● **Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft must be pleased by the versatility of his players. He switched John Perin from midfield to replace Zoran Matic (suspended) in the back four against Marconi. Brian Northcote who usually plays as a striker took over in midfield for Perin while David Leane came in for Northcote. When Dixie Deans was injured, however, Perin resumed in midfield to allow Ian Di Bartolo to substitute as a defender while Northcote moved up front.**

● **West Adelaide's David Pillans failed to attend training sessions last week and was not considered against Western Suburbs.**

● **West Adelaide's Richard Yeeles has requested to be put on the transfer list.**

Brisbane

● **Gerry Walker began the season in Lions' PSL team — and he'll finish it involved in a Queensland second division relegation battle. With former APIA youngster Ricky Mangan, he went on loan from Lions last week to Queensland second division tailenders Gold Coast.**

● **Struggling Lions boast Queensland's top PSL scorer — Geoff Morris, wro had found the net six times. City's leading marksman is Jim Hermiston, with three.**

● **Willie Henderson renewed acquaintances in Brisbane with two old rivals from his Glasgow Rangers days, when he played against Brisbane City's Jim Hermiston (Aberdeen) and Lions goalkeeper Roddy McKenzie, who had a long spell with Airdrieonians.**

● **Lions are still searching for a sponsor. Their logical sponsor, the Dutch-based Philips ruled out that possibility with their overall backing for the League.**

● **"Official" crowd for Lions' last home game against Mooroolbark was more than 4,000. That's more than double the number a Lions official estimated from the gate receipts. The absence of turnstiles at some Perry Park entrances makes an accurate head count almost impossible.**

● **Jim Hermiston faces another clash of loyalties, when Brisbane City and his "own" club Grange-Thistle both play this Sunday. Hermiston appears almost certain to be travelling to Sydney with Brisbane City.**

— Alan Fouche

● **Congratulations to Brisbane City defender Peter Tokesi and his wife on the birth of a daughter early last week.**

● **Brisbane City's latest addition from Argentina, striker Hector Alagia, has been delayed in his training for his new club. He did not respond too well to the long air trip across to Australia, and then was troubled by a stomach upset.**

● **The consistent dash displayed by Larry Gaffney for Brisbane City has set Brisbane thinking that if players of such drive can suddenly appear in Australia, then there must be a lot more talent around the country that is untapped. True enough, and Larry is a perfect example of the fact. He came from the Illawarra district to NSW First Division with Wollongong City a lot later than he might have — an earlier arrival on his part on the scene could have had him advanced even into national team consideration.**

Melbourne

● **Transfer fee for former Scottish junior international Joe Tront form Mooroolbark to Fitzroy was classed by Fitzroy president Jimmy Mangopoulos as "very reasonable". Mooroolbark meanwhile are urgently waiting on the arrival of three reinforcements from England.**

Philips Youth League draw

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 (deferred fixtures)
West. Ravens v. West. Magpies (Rd. 5) Bossley Pk. 6.15 p.m.
Marc. Raiders v. East. Dolphins (Rd. 9) Bossley Pk. 8.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 10
West. Magpies v. West. Ravens Drummoyne Oval 1.15 p.m.
East. Stars v. St. George Dragons, Wentworth Pk. 1.15 p.m.
Olympic Jets v. Marconi Raiders, Drummoyne Oval 3.00 p.m.
Marconi Comets v. Olympic Fords, Bossley Park 1.15 p.m.
St. George Colts v. East. Dolphins, Hurstville Oval 1.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 (deferred fixtures)
West. Magpies v. East. Dolphins (Rd. 6), Englefield 6.30 p.m.
Olymp. Jets v. St. Geo. Dragons (Rd. 6), Englefield 8.00 p.m.

PHILIPS SCOREBOARD

	Adel. City	Brisb. City	Brisb. Lions	Canberra	E.S. Hakoah	Fitzroy	Footscray	Marconi	Mooroolbk.	St. George	Sth. Melb.	Syd. Olympic	West. Adel.	West. Subs.
Adelaide City	●		0-0	2-0		1-0	4-1	1-0				3-0		1-2
Brisbane City	1-0	●	3-1		0-0	1-1		0-1	3-1	1-1				0-1
Brisbane Lions			●	0-1	0-4			1-1	2-1			0-2		
Canberra		2-0	1-2	●		0-1				2-2			1-3	0-3
E.S. Hakoah	6-1			2-1	●		4-3	2-4			0-1	2-0	1-1	
Fitzroy			4-1		1-3	●	2-0	1-8	2-0		5-2			2-2
Footscray		2-1		3-0	2-2		●			0-0	2-2	1-0	0-1	
Marconi	0-4			0-0			1-0	●		3-1	3-0	0-0	2-1	
Mooroolbark	1-3			3-2	2-2		2-2	2-3	●			1-1	1-1	
St. George	0-2	3-2	0-0		1-1	2-2			5-1	●				1-1
Sth. Melbourne	0-0	0-1	1-0			1-1			2-0	2-3	●			2-0
Sydney Olympic		4-0		2-2		3-1			1-2	2-0	0-2	●	0-4	
West Adelaide	1-4	3-3	5-1			1-1				3-3	1-1		●	0-1
Western Suburbs			3-0		3-4		0-0	1-1	5-0			0-2	1-1	●

Marconi 'win' Sydney crown

Marconi have emerged as winners of the Sydney "round-robin" — the first round matches of Sydney teams against each other.

In four games they have collected six points and have been the only unbeaten side.

These have been the all-Sydney results so far:

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. Geo.	Olympic	Wests	Pts.	Goals
HAKOAH	●	2-4	1-1	2-0	4-3	5	9-8
MARCONI	4-2	●	3-1	0-0	1-1	6	8-4
ST. GEORGE	1-1	1-3	●	0-2	1-1	2	3-7
OLYMPIC	0-2	0-0	2-0	●	2-0	5	4-2
WESTS	3-4	1-1	1-1	0-2	●	2	5-8

NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Rauol Blanco's team drawn from PSL and State League clubs which is competing against Second Division, Amateurs and CHS at present is: D. Brown (Auburn), D. Fox (Manly), B. Catholos (Hellas), E. Marcon, S. Baldwin, D. Colusso, G. Power (Marconi), G. Dawson, D. Crago, L. Amore, J. Suylos, F. Rojo (Wests), P. Raskopoulos (Olympic), A. Zullu, J. Botallico (APIA), I. Hunter (Nepean).

At present three of the squad are on the injured list, and three more will be on standby.

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I STILL WANT TO BE THE TOP AUSSIE COACH

— *By MIKE JOHNSON* —

Some weeks ago I wrote in "Soccer World" of the problems a professional soccer coach trying to stay employed long enough to develop the skills he needs for the job.

As many people in soccer will know I have been denied the chance for further development in the three year coaching appointment I took up this year with West Adelaide Hellas.

I am writing this article because I do not want to be frozen out of the professional game for two years as happened when I was dismissed from my previous position with St. George-Budapest.

When a coach is "sacked" in the full glare of publicity — twice this has happened to me — he is subject to all sorts of negative talk within the game to explain the reasons for it.

The only defence I can offer to counter that is to list my experience, preparation and record as a coach.

I hope the reader will forgive what might read as an orgy of ego-indulgence as I use this space granted me by "Soccer World".

I played professional soccer in England for Barrow, Doncaster, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. I am a qualified English FA coach and an Australian staff coach.

To gain and improve on these qualifications I have travelled and studied extensively here and in Europe.

I began coaching with Sutherland in 1969 in Second Division when the team finished third.

The following year it finished second and in the third and final year of my contract finished top and was promoted to First Division.

I then took up a further five-year part-time contract with Sutherland.

Sutherland survived its initial year in First Division — a "miracle", according to "Soccer World" and on the strength of that performance St. George approached me to take over from Frank Arok on a three-year contract in a full-time capacity.

They said that on their careful assessment I was the "best coach in the country."

Australia was involved in the World Cup with eight of my St. George players continually going into camps and being called up for representative games.

In my first year with Saints we lost in the Ampol Cup final and in the final of the championship series, finished third in the league and scored the most goals.

In my second season I was dismissed in mid-season just four weeks after the end of the World Cup with the team placed equal fourth.

I did not coach the following year, then last year coached an amateur team which won its premiership and went on to be "champion of champions" in NSW.

I also had a three week spell with North Sydney in Sydney Second Division at the request of its president as the team had not won a point for several months and was at the bottom of the league.

The team took three points from three games, I then left and the team did not gain any more points till the end of the season, but these points enabled it to finish second bottom.

This season I spent five months with West Adelaide Hellas, playing numerous friendly games and nine national league games.

Only two games were lost, each by one goal against the then top sides, Wests and Marconi.

At the time of my dismissal with a home game in hand and a good draw against the bottom sides to come, the team was set to leap to the top of the league.

The week of my dismissal I coached the S.A. State team to a 1-2 result against Middlesbro, the best result of the tour.

During my years of coaching I have never been involved in raging rows with players, committeemen or spectators. I have never been booed by my club's own crowd as has happened to many top coaches.

My players have always had to be punctual and attend all trainings and train well.

This discipline has been borne out on the field.

No team of mine has ever conceded more than four goals. My teams have always been noted as being organised and competitive (and some at times have shown great flair).

Only one player, Allan Cooper, of Sutherland has ever been sent off.

I have been closely associated with many young players who have gone on to play for Australia, often signing or "discovering" them and then developing their game.

These include at Sutherland John Roche, Steven Perry, Colin Bennett and Alan Maher; at Saints Mark Jankovics, Brendan Grosse and Neville Morgan and at Hellas David Jones.

Blowing one's trumpet seldom gains much sympathy. However, I am prepared to risk reader scorn if it will stop me being shut out of the professional game.

I believe I should be in the game.

I did not fail at Saints nor did I at West Adelaide Hellas.

I believe West Adelaide Hellas would have won the first PSL league under me. I was not the best coach in the country when St. George signed me up, nor am I now. But I want to be.

LETTER

For many years I have been an avid football fan and thanks to your publication I have been able to follow it closely. Over the years, "Soccer World" has been compulsory reading for me.

Like most fans, I am very excited about the prospects for the PSL and about the advancement of the game in this country.

I believe it's only a matter of time before soccer holds its rightful place as Australia's number one sport.

However, there are a few aspects of the game that I feel have an adverse effect on its growth.

What I am referring to mainly, are the Aust. v. overseas club team fixtures.

I fully realise that for our national team, these games are vital to our World Cup preparations, but at the same time they also act as a deterrent to thousands of would-be fans.

Defeat of our national team by a club side is seen by these potential enthusiasts as a reflection of the standard of football at club level in Australia.

This attitude is very unfair but nevertheless it does exist.

What these people don't seem to realise is the fact that the national squads, made up of part-time players thrown together for two or three weeks before a match, are up against **full time professionals** who have the benefit of playing together for a whole season or more.

I don't pretend to know what the solution is, but I think it's obvious that the onus of getting these people through the turnstiles lies with the various PSL teams throughout the country.

I would like to know what others think of this problem?

George Lancaster
Cabramatta, 2166

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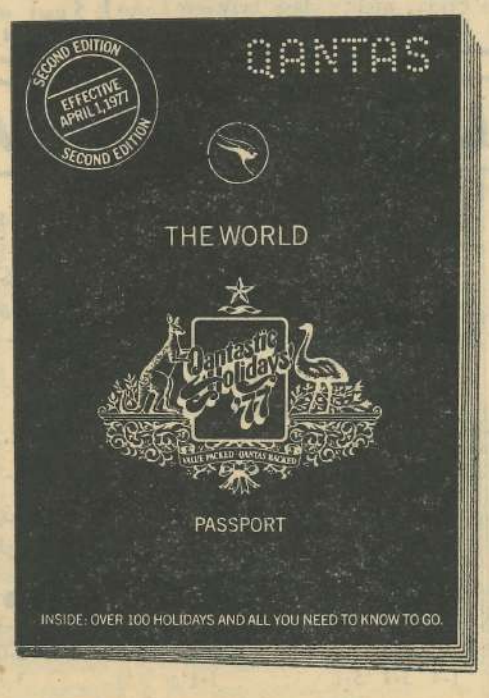

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TABLES

STATE LEAGUE (Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	10	—	2	29	9	20
Sutherland	8	2	2	27	8	18
Arncliffe	8	—	3	24	16	16
Manly	6	3	2	24	13	15
Bankstown	6	2	3	16	12	14
Croatia	6	1	4	18	12	13
Auburn	4	1	6	17	16	9
Granville	3	3	5	14	17	9
Wollongong	3	2	5	12	21	8
Hellas	3	2	7	12	22	8
Yugal	2	2	8	8	31	6
Avala	—	—	11	4	28	—

STATE LEAGUE (Third Grade)

Sutherland	7	3	2	29	10	17
Arncliffe	5	6	—	24	13	16
Granville	7	1	3	19	12	15
Manly	5	3	3	20	12	13
APIA	5	3	4	20	17	13
Auburn	4	5	2	12	9	13
Avala	4	4	3	20	10	12
Hellas	3	4	5	11	18	10
Yugal	4	2	6	15	24	10
Bankstown	2	2	7	18	21	6
Croatia	2	2	7	13	30	6
Wollongong	2	1	8	13	31	5

SECOND DIVISION (First Grade)

Toongabbie	10	1	—	31	9	21
Melita	9	1	—	32	4	19
Ku-ring-gai	6	3	3	23	12	15
Queens Park	6	2	3	19	15	14
Revesby W.	6	—	3	14	14	12
Warringah	4	3	4	15	15	11
Guildford	3	3	5	19	25	9
Marrickville	3	3	5	15	21	9
Belmore	2	4	5	18	27	8
NS-Inter	1	3	8	11	26	5
Polonia	1	2	6	12	25	4
Gladesville	—	2	9	12	28	2

SECOND DIVISION (Second Grade)

Ku-ring-gai	6	4	1	25	13	16
Belmore	5	4	1	18	6	14
Toongabbie	4	5	1	14	7	13
Guildford	4	5	2	17	14	13
Gladesville	2	8	—	12	8	12
Melita	3	3	4	14	16	9
Marrickville	2	5	4	19	22	9
Warringah	3	3	5	14	17	9
Revesby W.	3	2	4	13	15	8
Queens Park	3	2	6	16	26	8
NS-Inter	2	4	6	13	23	8
Polonia	3	1	6	12	20	7

SECOND DIVISION (Third Grade)

Ku-ring-gai	12	—	—	42	5	24
Belmore	7	3	1	27	17	17
Guildford	6	3	2	21	14	15
Warringah	5	3	3	21	18	13
Gladesville	6	—	4	23	13	12
NS-Inter	4	4	5	18	23	12
Polonia	3	3	4	11	15	9
Toongabbie	—	7	3	9	13	7
Revesby W.	3	1	5	10	17	7
Marrickville	3	1	7	16	26	7
Melita	1	1	8	11	28	3
Queens Park	1	1	9	6	25	3

THIRD DIVISION (First Grade)

Blacktown	9	2	1	34	5	20
Bondi Marines	6	4	3	25	22	16
Nepean	6	3	3	26	19	15
Pt. Hacking	6	2	4	29	22	14
Uni. NSW	7	—	4	21	16	14
Glad. Ravens	4	5	4	19	14	13
Yagoona	3	4	4	17	18	10
Riverstone	4	2	7	20	23	10
Campbelltown	3	4	6	16	26	10
Wenty Waratah	4	1	6	15	21	9
Lethbridge	3	2	9	14	32	8
West Ryde	3	1	7	12	25	7

THIRD DIVISION (Second Grade)

Uni. NSW	10	2	1	35	9	22
Nepean	10	1	2	38	14	21
Glad. Ravens	8	3	2	32	12	19
Bondi Marines	7	3	3	25	15	17
West Ryde	6	3	5	22	20	15
Port Hacking	6	2	5	31	29	14
Yagoona	6	1	4	15	10	13
Riverstone	4	3	9	19	32	11
Blacktown	3	2	6	11	16	8
Lethbridge	2	2	11	9	35	6
Campbelltown	1	3	9	18	33	5
Wenty Waratah	1	1	12	13	39	3

THIRD DIIVISION (Third Grade)

Uni. NSW	11	2	—	39	3	24
West Ryde	8	4	1	29	9	20
Port Hacking	9	2	2	30	14	20
Wenty Waratah	7	3	3	32	18	17
Glades. Ravens	5	5	3	27	22	15
Nepean	6	3	4	17	17	15
Riverstone	4	5	5	19	25	13
Lethbridge	4	2	8	10	26	10
Yagoona	3	1	7	14	21	7
Campbelltown	3	—	10	10	39	6
Blacktown	2	—	9	10	19	4
Bondi Marines	1	—	12	7	39	2

FOURTH DIVISION (First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dee Why	11	—	3	39	16	22
Lane Cove	10	—	4	28	17	20
Bathurst	8	3	3	28	16	19
Ryde Dist.	8	1	5	28	19	17
Baulkham H.	8	1	5	27	23	17
Sydney Uni.	5	6	3	23	22	16
Padstow	7	—	5	26	20	14
N. Bankstown	3	4	7	26	32	10
Artarmon	3	3	7	16	23	9
Greenwich	3	2	9	21	33	8
Holroyd	3	2	8	18	42	8
Chelsea	1	2	11	14	31	4

FOURTH DIVISION (Second Grade)

Dee Why	10	2	2	24	9	22
N. Bankstown	9	3	2	34	16	21
Baulkham H.	9	2	3	30	12	20
Ryde Dist.	8	2	4	35	16	18
Lane Cove	5	4	5	18	24	14
Artarmon	6	1	6	25	25	13
Sydney Uni.	5	1	8	18	22	11
Holroyd	4	2	7	19	27	10
Greenwich	3	3	8	13	17	9
Bathurst	4	1	9	22	28	9
Padstow	4	1	7	14	27	9
Chelsea	4	—	10	18	47	8

FIFTH DIVISION (First Grade)

Ashcroft	11	—	2	28	13	22
Fairfield Kiev	9	3	1	34	14	21
Hurstville	9	1	4	36	29	19
Kingsford	7	3	4	34	26	17
Maroubra	6	1	4	21	16	13
Belfield	4	4	5	23	20	12
Auburn Jun.	4	4	5	16	19	12
Revesby Rov.	5	1	6	27	35	11
Eastwood	3	4	6	23	25	10
North Rocks	3	2	9	19	36	8
Concordia	—	5	8	20	30	5
West St. Geo.	2	1	9	21	39	5

FIFTH DIVISION (Second Grade)

Ashcroft	10	1	2	35	15	21
North Rocks	8	3	2	41	16	19
West St. Geo.	8	2	3	28	14	18
Maroubra	6	3	2	21	12	15
Kingsford	6	3	5	23	21	15
Fairfield Kiev	6	1	6	17	17	13
Auburn Jun.	4	5	4	10	12	13
Eastwood	5	3	5	19	24	13
Belfield	4	4	5	22	25	12
Concordia	4	2	8	18	27	10
Revesby Rov.	1	3	8	15	38	5
Hurstville	—	2	12	9	46	2

SIXTH DIVISION (First Grade)

Macq. Uni.	10	3	—	36	12	23
Paddington	11	1	1	29	9	23
Bonnyrigg	8	2	2	38	15	18
West Holroyd	6	3	4	27	18	15
Haberfield	7	—	5	23	21	14
North Ryde	6	—	5	34	21	12
Camden	6	—	5	19	13	12
Canley Hts.	5	2	4	23	19	12
Green Valley	4	1	7	23	43	9
South. Dist.	2	1	11	11	48	5
Prospect	1	1	10	14	39	3

SIXTH DIVISION (Second Grade)

Paddington	11	1	1	43	11	23
West Holroyd	8	3	2	28	16	19
Bonnyrigg	8	2	2	26	16	18
Macq. Uni.	8	1	4	33	17	17
North Ryde	7	1	3	23	12	15
Camden	6	1	4	19	17	13
Canley Hts.	5	2	3	24	20	12
Green Valley	5	1	6	20	21	11
Prospect	4	1	7	22	28	9
Haberfield	3	—	9	13	39	6
South. Dist.	1	1	10	10	45	3

SEVENTH DIVISION (First Grade)

Eastern Creek	12	1	—	50	16	25
Fairfield West	9	2	2	47	19	18
Moorebank	9	—	4	29	16	18
Pagewood	9	—	4	23	20	18
Hawkesbury	7	—	4	26	20	14
Liverpool	5	3	3	26	25	13
Greystanes	5	2	6	23	35	12
South Sydney	5	1	7	28	35	11
Emu Plains	4	2	6	18	25	10
Normanhurst	3	—	10	15	43	6
Lakemba	2	1	8	17	43	5

SEVENTH DIVISION (Second Grade)

Moorebank	12	—	1	49	10	24
Fairfield W.	9	2	1	49	16	20
Eastern Creek	9	2	2	25	8	20
Emu Plains	6	2	4	20	33	14
Lakemba	5	3	3	30	22	13
Liverpool	5	2	6	24	10	12
Pagewood	5	1	6	16	23	11
Greystanes	5	1	7	19	28	11
Hawkesbury	4	2	5	28	26	10
South Syd.	3	2	8	12	43	8
Normanhurst	2	1	10	15	30	5

NO PICNIC FOR LEADERS

— *By CHARLES SPITERI* —

Both competition leaders Toongabbie and Melita Eagles will face tough opposition this weekend and it will be no surprise if either or both drop points.

SECOND DIV.

On Saturday, Melita Eagles will confront the much improved Revesby Workers whom the Eagles thrashed 8-2 in the first round — a performance unlikely to be repeated on present form.

Leaders Toongabbie meet Ku-ring-gai at Girraween Park in another tough encounter which in the first round 'Gabbie won with the odd goal in seven in a 3-4 result.

Highlights from last weekend matches were:

Belmore v. Gladesville-Hornsby 2-2

Despite leading 2-0 at halftime, Gladesville were somewhat lucky to get away with a point as Belmore put on enormous pressure in the final minutes.

Eddy Lorenc opened the score within 7 minutes to give Gladesville the lead and Roger McNaughton made it 2-0 just before halftime.

Belmore: Hawthorn, King, Johns, Lambert, McMullen, Brown (Townsend), Wardman (1), Parkinson (1), Elder (Feher), Henness.

Glad.-Hornsby: Carlisle, Harris, Mayoh, Greenhalgh, Hill, Cassidy (McMullen), Lorenc (1), McNaughton(1), Muston, Perich, MacKinnon.

Ku-ring-gai v. Marrickville 3-0

A hat-trick by Graham Firrell gave Ku-ring-gai a comfortable win against Marrickville which never stopped trying.

Graham Firrell opened the score after 30 minutes when he took a pass from Laurie Waters, dribbled past the fullback and hit it into the net from close range.

In the second half, Ku-ring-gai came out stronger as their midfield of Albert Kinsey, Frank Malone and David Hammond took over control. Kinsey in particular gave a tremendous performance making the opening for the two goals and hitting the woodwork twice himself.

Ku-ring-gai: McCann, Turner, Vousden, Birdsell, Waters, Malone, Kinsey, Hammond, Lyle, Firrell (3), Beale.

Melita Eagles v. Warringah Saints 1-0

More than 1,000 people flocked to Mona Park to see Melita Eagles beat Warringah Saints by the narrowest of margins.

However, the score was hardly a true indication of play as the Eagles dominated the proceedings from start to finish and hit the woodwork on four occasions.

Yet they only managed to score one goal — a tremendous effort by Ian McGovern in the 25th minute — and credit goes to the Saints who battled against such odds.

Melita Eagles: Bracklow, Ververis, Cook, Yamine, Huntley, Mikas, Farrugia, McAusland, McGovern (1), Smith, Brizuela (Rutherford).

Warringah Saints: Dean, A. Bailey, Crawford, McMahon (Selby-Jones), Duncan, Trotter, Peterson, White, De Waal, Diebold, Bragg.

Guildford v. Toongabbie 0-3

Neil Taylor put 'Gabbie in the lead in the first minute when he scored from a cross by Carlos Ortega.

Jim Magill made it 2-0 just before halftime with a header from a pass by Neil Taylor.

Toongabbie: Mikolajczyk, Tamkaveris, Parkhouse, Chapman, Guerlo, Reilly, Prokurat, Ortega, Magill (1), Taylor (1), Brown (1).

Revesby Workers v. Queens Park 2-1

A great performance by Eddie Howard in midfield enabled Revesby Workers to score the upset of the round when they beat Queens Park by the odd goal.

Queens Park had slightly the better of play in the first but could not take advantage of it through some good goalkeeping by Graham Childs.

However, Robert Coyle gave them the lead within two minutes after the resumption from a pass by Peter Hammond.

Revesby Workers: Childs, Adams, Keith Thorpe, Paterson, Pittman, Watson (1), Byles, Howard, Gill (McAlister), Ken Thorpe, Vidler (1).

Queens Park: Yates, Podmore, Finneran, Coyle (1), Thorpe, Bell, Crothers, Griffiths, Hammond, Hanson, Sweeney.

NS Inter v. Polonia 1-1

Inter opened the score in the first half and held a slender advantage on the general run of play.

After the interval, Polonia led several good attacks but lacked finish in front of goal.

With ten minutes to go, Anito Budini scored the equaliser from close range.

Polonia: Greenfield, Conditsitis, Grubbo, Zounis, Svigejl, A. Budini (1), R. Budini, Pesa, Svarc, Bowers, Rylands.

MINOR DIVISIONS

DIV. 3.

University of NSW terminated the unbeaten record of competition leaders Blacktown which had extended over 34 premiership matches.

Leading after 15 minutes through a goal by Sam Meharg, Blacktown could not capitalise on their lead and it was University who came back to equalise in the 30th minute with a lobbed shot from John Kelly.

With about 15 minutes to go, a lapse by the Blacktown defence allowed Ken Rootsey to score with a scorching drive from a through pass by Conrad Karwaj.

In another good team effort Wenty Waratahs scored their third consecutive win by surprisingly beating Bondi Marines who are second on the competition table.

With the game set for a draw, winger Kenny Brown broke through on the left wing sending a perfect pass in the middle for the unmarked Ralph Guthrie who made no mistake from close range.

DIV. 4.

Competition leaders Dee Why were defeated by a determined Baulkham Hills with the odd goal in a clean and exciting game of soccer.

The leaders were one goal up within 10 minutes when Chris McDowell headed home after Hills' 'keeper missed a cross in the goalmouth.

However, the 'Hills played with more purpose after the interval and Harry Gough headed a controversial goal to get the equaliser.

After this Baulkham Hills took the upper hand and with 11 minutes to go Martin Steele scored to give the points they really deserved.

DIV. 7

Moorebank Sports Club picked up four valuable points when they beat Greystanes 2-1 on Saturday and South Sydney 2-0 on Sunday.

Striker George Schymko made his presence felt with two great goals on Saturday against Greystanes. He scored the first goal against South Sydney from a pass by Marry Maude and he made the pass from which Andy Brooks scored the second goal.

STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	Aggregate							Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Croatia	12	10	1	1	26	10	21	6	5	1	—	15	6	11	6	5	—	1	11	4	10
2. APIA	12	8	3	1	28	11	19	8	6	1	1	19	7	13	4	2	2	—	9	4	6
3. Auburn	11	6	3	2	20	13	15	6	4	2	—	12	4	10	5	2	1	2	8	9	5
4. Sutherland	12	5	3	4	12	12	13	5	1	2	2	4	7	4	7	4	1	2	8	5	9
5. Arncliffe	11	5	1	5	22	19	11	7	3	1	3	16	11	7	4	2	—	2	6	8	4
6. Wollongong	11	4	3	4	19	17	11	6	3	2	1	12	5	8	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
7. Manly	11	5	1	5	12	13	11	4	2	—	2	3	4	4	7	3	1	3	9	9	7
8. Avala	10	3	4	4	16	17	10	7	3	3	1	15	8	9	4	—	1	3	1	9	1
9. Bankstown	11	4	1	7	17	20	9	4	1	—	3	7	6	2	8	3	1	4	10	14	7
10. Hellas	12	4	1	7	19	26	9	5	2	1	2	9	6	5	7	2	—	5	10	20	4
11. Granville	11	1	4	6	10	20	6	5	1	—	4	5	13	2	6	—	4	2	5	7	4
12. Yugal	12	1	1	10	7	31	3	6	1	—	5	3	12	2	6	—	1	5	4	19	1

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ROTHMANS LEAGUE

AVALA v. CROATIA

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Last week's magnificent encounter between leader Croatia and second-placed APIA before the premiership crowd of the season should bring new endeavours from all the teams.

As well as being a fine spectacle, the game was for the most part a victory for venturesome fotball.

For teams that are static in their crowd appeal the message is there.

Play negative, defensive stuff and you get the limited reward you deserve.

Take calculated risks and go forward and crowds love it, even though they like a winner too.

This week's prospects:

Avala v. Croatia

This is bound to produce an excellent crowd, and quite possibly the match of the round.

Avala would certainly benefit if Tom Mihajlovic would lay off the ball enabling everyone to play for each other.

An Avala win would provide a shock of the week, but they have plenty of skills without being quite able to match the abilities of players such as Atti Abonyi, Nick Fenoughty and Maurie Sullivan.

APIA v. Arncliffe

APIA have now to collect every point by the widest margin possible, and they must depend upon a Croatia slip up in order to bridge the two-point gap that separates them from equal top position in the premiership.

Arncliffe Scots are back to fifth place after their clear win over Granville, and if Jimmy Gallagher can settle them down to pace themselves better over the full 90 minutes, they could prove a headache.

APIA's rebuilding program is now paying dividends, and with Horatio Ruiz doing the setting up it is hard to see APIA missing out by the end of the match.

Wollongong v. Sutherland

Sutherland should be able to account for Wollongong thanks to their all round strength.

Wollongong's competitiveness depends upon Peter Beggs and Jock Morlando getting the right service of the ball from the back, and coach Kevin Perkins could well concentrate on bringing this to pass.

If Sutherland can come out on top, they will have done themselves a good turn by pushing one of their nearest competitors for a semi-final position back down the ladder.

Auburn v. Hellas

Hellas' season-long problem has been the lack of goalscorers, and this must reduce their chance of overcoming Auburn at Mona Park.

Auburn must win to keep well on the semifinal track, whereas Hellas seem to have left their run far too late.

For Auburn Terry Bertram's transfer to the defence has proved a worthwhile exercise, and with the outstanding Alec McMillan he will prove a strong bar to further inhibit Hellas' goalscoring potential.

Manly v. Granville

Whilst Granville have probably done a trifle better than expected since reverting to amateur status, their modest position on the table shows that their best is not good enough when compared with their results of other days in high class company and their following is decreasing.

At Cromer Park, Manly, already $5,000 richer under their sponsorship, will be hot on the trail of the points.

Manly's Hector Martinez has slowed down, but his ball skills are such that he could still turn a State League game such as this from a loss to a win in a matter of minutes.

Yugal v. Bankstown

Not the least of Yugal's struggles is the one to turn on the goals.

Bill Lupeski's early form indicated that he could fulfil the scoring role, but the club has only produced 7 goals in total from 12 premiership games.

Bankstown has slipped down the table, perhaps due to the tendency to play it rugged rather than with a composite blend of toughness and style.

The indications are for a Bankstown win.

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THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 9

Queens Park v. Guildford — Erskineville Oval
Revesby v. Melita — Milperra Reserve

Sunday, July 10

Avala v. Croatia — Soccer Centre
APIA v. Arncliffe — Lambert Park
Wollongong v. Sutherland — Berkeley S.G.
Auburn v. Hellas — Mona Park
Yugal v. Bankstown — Marks Field
Manly v. Granville — Cromer Park
Gladesville v. North Sydney — Morrison Bay
Polonia v. Warringah — to be advised
Marrickville v. Belmore — Mackey Park
Toongabbie v. Kuringai — Girraween Park

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, July 16

Hellas v. Yugal — Arlington Oval
Belmore v. Toongabbie — Blick Oval
Revesby v. Gladesville — Milperra Reserve

Sunday, July 17

Croatia v. Wollongong — Marks Field
Arncliffe v. Avala — Hurstville Oval
Granville v. APIA — Garside Park
Bankstown v. Manly — Soccer Centre
Sutherland v. Auburn — Seymour Shaw
Warringah v. Gladesville — Graham Reserve
North Sydney v. Marrirkville — North Sydney Oval
Melita v. Polonia — Mona Park
Guildford v. Revesby — Guildford Park
Kuringai v. Queens Park — Parklands Oval

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State League top scorers

A.	Abonyi (Croatia)	11
J.	Doyle (APIA)	9
P.	Beggs (Wollongong)	8
D.	Daley (Bankstown)	8
M.	Stevenson (A'cffe)	7
R.	McCormack (APIA)	6
P.	Deller (Auburn)	5
N.	Fenoughty (Croatia)	5
I.	Lavin (Sutherland)	5
W.	Angelopoulos (Hellas)	4
D.	Jack (APIA)	4
G.	Morlando (W'gong)	4
T.	Morrow (Avala)	4
D.	Sidey (Auburn)	4
P.	Smith (Sutherland)	4

Last week's results

STATE LEAGUE			
Hellas v Wollongong	2-0	1-0	2-1
Croatia v APIA	1-1	0-5	0-2
Granville v Arncliffe	1-3	1-3	1-2
Sutherland v Avala	0-0	5-0	0-2
Bankstown v Auburn	0-1	1-0	1-3
Manly v Yugal	2-1	5-0	1-4
Second Division			
Belmore v Glad.-Horn.	2-2	0-0	2-0
NS-Inter v Polonia	1-1	1-2	2-2
Melita v Warringah	1-0	0-0	0-5
Ku-ring-gai v M'ville	3-0	1-1	3-2
G'ford v Toongabbie	0-3	2-2	1-1
Revesby v Queens Pk	2-1	2-1	2-0
Third Division			
Riverstone v Yagoona	2-2	1-1	1-1
Pt Hacking v Campb'n	4-0	4-2	3-0
Lethbr. v W. Ryde	0-0	0-3	postp.
Uni NSW v Blackt'n	2-1	1-0	3-1
Lethbr. v Glad-Rav.	2-1	0-2	0-3
Wenty War. v Bondi	2-1	0-3	5-0
W. Ryde v Nepean	2-4	1-3	0-1
Uni NSW v Yagoona	2-1	2-0	3-0
Fourth Division			
Artarmon v Lane Cove		1-2	0-1
Chelsea v Bathurst		0-1	3-0
Greenwich v Padstow Pk.		1-2	0-2
Ryde Distr. v Sydney Uni		1-2	2-0
Holroyd v Nth. Bankst'n		2-1	1-2
Dee Why v B'kham Hills		1-2	1-0
Fifth Division			
Fairf. Kiev v W. St. Geo.		3-1	2-0
Ashcroft v Auburn Jun.		2-0	3-1
Belfield RSL v Nth. Rocks		2-0	3-3
Revesby Rov. v Hurstv.		3-5	1-1
Kingsford v Revesby R.		1-0	3-4
Eastwood v Concordia		2-2	2-2
Hurstville v Maroubra		1-0	0-3
Sixth Division			
Paddington v North Ryde		2-0	3-1
Haberfield v Green Val.		6-2	1-3
Canley Hts. v Prospect		1-1	2-1
W. Holroyd v Haberfield		2-1	6-0
Macquarie Uni v Bonnyr.		1-0	0-3
Sthrn. Dists. v G. Valley		1-5	1-2
Camden: bye			
Seventh Division			
Emu Plains v Pagewood		0-2	2-1
Hawkesbury v Fairf W.		0-2	2-6
Greystanes v Moorebank		1-2	2-4
Normanhurst v Greystanes		2-3	4-1
Lakemba v Liverpool		2-5	3-2
Sth. Sydney v Moorebank		0-2	0-5
Eastern Creek: bye			

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Croatia v. APIA 1-1 (0-1)

Croatia: D. Smith, Russell, Hadley, Basic, G. Smith, McDonald, Darvill, Stone (70: Dudaric), Abonyi, Fenoughty, Sullivan.

Coach: L. Fabinjac.

APIA: Fraser, Jenkins, Pullen, Merrigan, McGinn, Jackson, Ruiz, Porter, McCormack, Doyle, Butler (70: O'Rourke).

Coach: F. Bottalico.

Goals: 0-1 Ruiz (27), 1-1 Dudaric (71).

Referee: R. Lorenc.

Crowd: 4,011.

This was a fair result for a fast and exciting game played in the best of spirit. The first half belonged to APIA and the second to Croatia. A perfect pass from John Doyle headed by Horatio Ruiz put APIA one up in the 27th minute. Dudaric came as a substitute in the 70th minute, and exactly one minute later scored the equaliser with a fierce shot to help Croatia retain top position. Socceroo Atti Abonyi was effectively blotted out by Mark Pullen, who shadowed him closely and never gave him room to move and display his skills. APIA's mistake was to give up their venturesome first half play, thus allowing Croatia to take on their defence and ultimately gain that valuable equaliser. — **FRANK JORDAN**

Hellas v. Wollongong 2-0 (1-0)

Hellas: Elzein, Likourinos, Kable, Brown, Thompson, Balafas, Welton, Zeros, Tsingolis, Markopoulos (65: Hignett), Nezeritis.

Coach: J. Xipolitas.

Wollongong: Terziovski, Hutchinson, Thompson, Tinney, Midgley, Perkins, Williams, Kolednik (70: Quinn), Beggs, Johnston (70: Rasker), Wilson.

Coach: K. Perkins.

Goals: 1-0 Zeros (33), 2-0 Welton (59).

Referee: M. Roberts.

Crowd: 375.

Hellas celebrated the opening of their new clubhouse with a decisive victory over a Wollongong side who created only one chance in 90 minutes, and even that turned out to be a disallowed goal. Here was a game with a complete contrast in styles, with Hellas using an intelligent short-passing build-up and City using the long ball, a ploy that was never on as Terry Thompson and Greg Brown gladly accepted them all. With Jim Zeros and Peter Balafas supplying their forwards with a feast of passession, Hellas could have recorded a much greater score. Wollongong should now start building for next season, bearing in mind that possession is a very important facet of the game.. — **BILL VROLYKS**

Bankstown v. Auburn 0-1 (0-0)

Bankstown: Gisborne, Farrell, Brookes, Penman, Shelldrick, Hargreaves, Williams, Ingle, Daley, Tilt, Peck (85: Beater).

Coach: R. Bamforth.

Auburn: Hoszovski, Cornett, Gibson, Dobson, Bertram, Mc Millan, Deller, Juchniewicz, Reid, Sidey (60: Quested), Tracey.

Coach: J. Marston.

Goal: 0-1 Quested (87).

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

Crowd: 450

The match Bankstown could ill afford to lose slipped from their grasp just 3 minutes from time when Quested headed home a shallow cross for the winning goal. Auburn had only been able to exert pressure on their opponents' goal in the last 15 minutes due to a dogged Bankstown defence and lack of urgency in their forward line. Both sides were pre-occupied with ultra safe tactics, when more enterprising passing could have opened gaps in the apparently solid opposing defences. Bankstown's performance would have heartened their supporters, but more help up front for Daley will be required if they are to get back on to the winning list. McMillan and Hoszowski were outstanding for the winners.

— **ANDY HENDERSON**

Granville v. Arncliffe 1-3 (1-3)

Granville: Donovan, Selfridge, Biglands, Slater, Barker, Haydec (66: Donaldson), Johns (78: Barren), Forwood, Thomas, Waldron, Coleman.

Coach: M. O'Neill.

Arncliffe: Rogers, Butler, Smart, Stone, Butcher, Gilmour, Crone, Hall (58: Bankhead), Cirillo (87: Doran), Stevenson, Baker.

Coach: J. Gallagher.

Goals: 1-0 Thomas (2), 1-1 Stevenson (26), 1-2 Baker (28), 1-3 Hall (31).

Referee: T. Davies.

Crowd: 325.

Granville lost the game in a five minute lapse in the first half. They opened up well early for a 1-0 lead with Arncliffe slow to settle down. Three silly goals through defensive errors followed, from which they never looked like recovering. They did, however, play together with more resolve in the second half, but the shots they took were off target. At this stage Arncliffe played rather erratically. The closest Granville came to scoring was in 82nd minute when Kevin Coleman fired a sizzler from the penalty spot only to see the shot brilliantly saved by Scots goalkeeper Norm Rogers. — **CHARLES SPITERI**

Manly v. Yugal 2-1 (2-0)

Manly: Cassettari, Pointer, Hutchison, Dick, Doyle, Roozendaal (85: Pollard), Hoy, Geekie, Miner, Martinez, Mallam.

Coach: R. Hoy.

Yugal: Lukic, Radovic, Rudic, Zaknic, Trkulja, Veljkovic (10: Niti), Cuk, Djurisic, Lupeski, Mitrevski (55: Komljenovic), Travini.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Goals: 1-0 Martinez (12), 2-0 Miner (15), 2-1 Djurisic (54).

Crowd: 806.

Referee: G. King.

Manly gained full points but the complacency that followed their two early goals very nerly caused their downfall. Over-eagerness cost them goals at the start, but it came as no surprise in the 12th minute when forward Hector Martinez gathered a through ball and easily beat advancing goalkeeper Lukic. Three minutes later they added to the score when Colin Miner's blockbuster from 20 metres out flashed past the helpless 'keeper. Instead of fading, Yugal, with strongly organised attacks and neat passing movements thoroughly tested the Manly defence. Their persistence paid off when Zoran Djurisic neatly headed in a cross ball past Cassettari in Manly's goal. — **DOUG WENDT**

Sutherland v. Avala 0-0

Sutherland: Corry, Hesford, Schumann, Watkiss, Wood, Mc Donald, Basterfield, Dal Forno, Hall (85: Wykes), Lavin, Harrington (45: Herron).

Coach: J. Watkiss.

Avala: Ahrens, Skoric, Deller, Barton, Gray, Berry (45: Cirjanic), Mihajlovic, Patterson (45: Nedic), Morrow, Fraser, Griffiths.

Coach: S. Lalic.

Referee: H. Witschge.

Crowd: 1010.

The respective defences, Schuman and Wood leading for Sutherland and Deller and Barton for Avala, dominated the match. As to chances, only one, in the 44th minute from a flying header by John Lavin, scraped the crossbar and was worth recording. Much of the match consisted of thinking how to put three passes together, of negative forward work, lack of midfield control, and slackness in taking a chance or half-chance. Neither goalkeeper was forced to make a save in 90 minutes. John McDonald and Billy Fraser tried hard to spark life into their respective forwards, who failed to respond. This was a dreary game which stuttered to a scoreless draw — a fitting result for both teams.

— **ROGER DEWICK**

DRAWS

Third Division

Sat.: Nepean v Sydney Uni, Cook Park; Bondi v W. Ryde, Coral Sea.

Sun.: Gladesville Rav. v. Pt. Hacking, Peel Park; Yagoona v. Lethbridge, O'Neill Park; Blacktown v. Riverstone, Francis Park; Campbelltown v. Wenty, Rangers Rd.; Yagoona v. Nepean, O'Neill Park.

Fourth Division

Sat.: Bathurst '75 v. Artarmon, 2 BOD Bathurst, Baulkham Hills v. Chelsea, Horwood Res., Padstow Park v. Dee Why, Soccer Centre. **Sun.:** Lane Cove v. Ryde, Pottery Green, Sydney Uni. v. Holroyd, St. Johns Oval; North Bankstown v. Greenwich, Potts Park.

Fifth Division

Sat.: Auburn Jnrs. v. Eastwood, Progress Park; Concordia v. Hurstville, Mahoney Oval; Revesby Rovers v. Maroubra, Amour Park; West St. George v. North Rocks, Evatt Park. **Sun.:** West St. George v. Ashcroft, Evatt Park; Revesby Rovers v. Fairfield, Amour Park; North Rocks v. Kingsford, Murray Farm Res.; Maroubra v. Belfield RSL, Coral Sea Park.

Sixth Division

Sat.: North Ryde v. Camden, North Ryde; Prospect v. Paddington, Smithfield Park; Green Valley v. Canley Hts, Blanfield Pk. **Sun.:** Haberfield v. Macquarie Uni., Beaman Pk.; Bonnyrigg v. Southern Dists, St. Johns Pk., West Holroyd, bye.

Seventh Division

Sat.: Lakemba v. Hawkesbury, Parry Pk.; Pagewood v. Eastern Creek, Jellicoe Pk; Fairfield West v. Emu Plains, Endeavour Res. **Sun.:** Moorebank v. Hawkesbury, Hammondville Pk.; Greystanes v. Lakemba RSC, Bathurst St.; Liverpool v. South Sydney, Childs Pk.; Normanhurst, bye.